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Dear Lane:

In view of the interest you have expressed with regard to contingency planning here as it relates to the Berlin situation, I am enclosing an extract from General Gauvin's regular staff meeting on February 5, containing General Gauvin's presentation on studies in this field:

"... Gauvin's action in Berlin, SACEUR has decided to... we are preparing a study to determine what would be done or what new civil resources would be made available under certain conditions of increased tension in Western Europe. First, we are looking into what steps NATO should take to implement the measures of the 'West-Super' or 'Military Alert Order' if tension increases. We wish to determine also what effect various political decisions would have in the military field.

"The Chief of Staff stated that it would be difficult for SACEUR to recommend to national authorities the course of action they should take if the Soviets turn over control of checkpoints to the East Germans. But we must point out in advance SACEUR's tasks and be ready to meet the situation brought about by any of the decisions which they do take. NATO military authorities must support the decision at the

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last Ministerial Conference that UNR will remain firm
with regard to Berlin. The Russians must be convinced
that this decision is a real, empty statement. The study
not being made must be ready for use by General "hosted"
in the discussions with UNR authorities or authorities
of individual nations."

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